

Sourdough Lodge (Sourdough Roadhouse)
Mile 147½ Richardson Highway
Gakona vicinity, Valdez-Cordova Division
Alaska

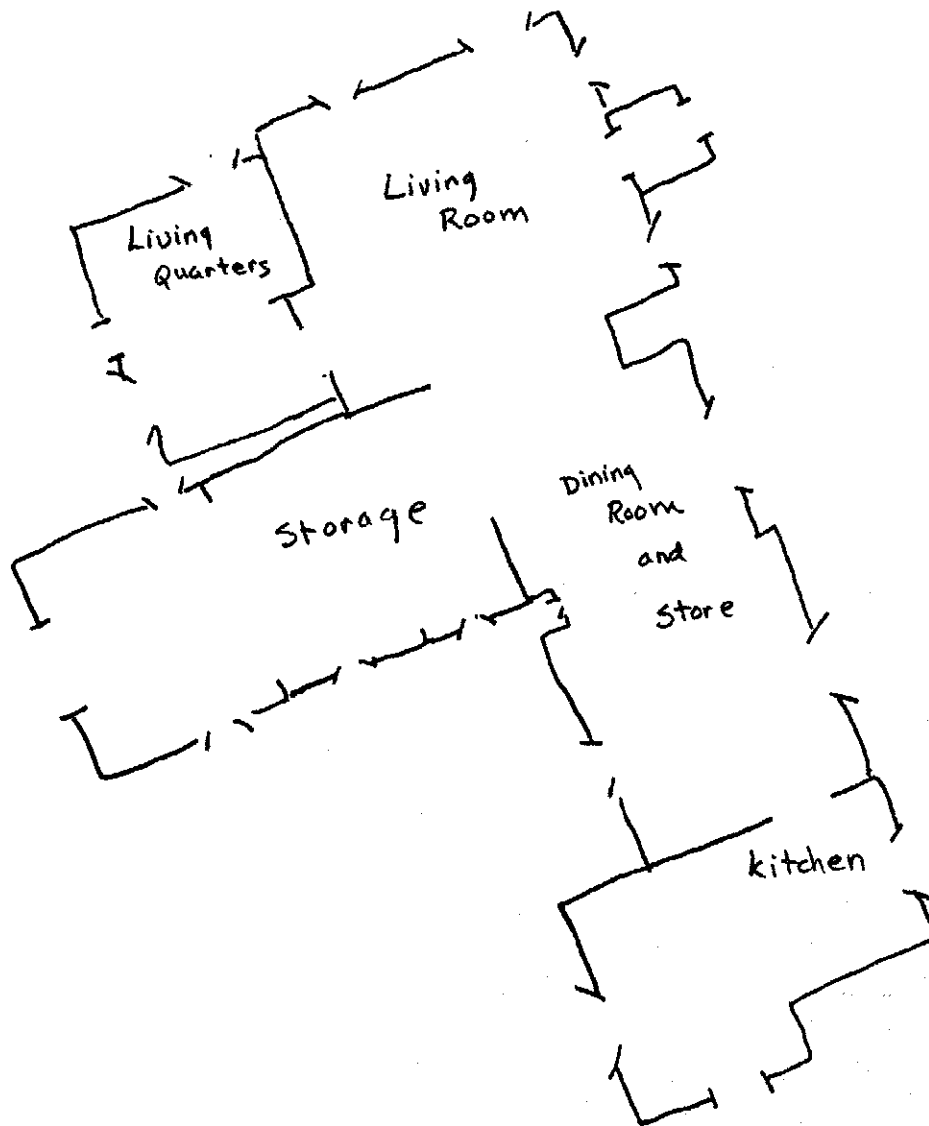
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STATE Alaska	COUNTY Valdez-Cordova Division	TOWN OR VICINITY Gakona Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Sourdough Lodge (NRHP)		HABS NO. AK-26
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Sourdough Roadhouse		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Mile 147½, Richardson Highway, Gakona, Alaska UTM: 06.576500.6933875		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Between 1903-1905 (NRHP)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Alaskan roadhouses, spaced about fifteen to twenty miles apart on roads and trails throughout the territory, provided food and shelter for the thousands who came to the North at the turn of the twentieth century. This is one of the few roadhouses which has continued its primary function to the present.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Log cabin		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Logs, tin, and dirt		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) sketched floor plan on separate page		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The roof is a sequence of logs, tundra, dirt, and tin.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior walls are bedecked with muslin, paint, and electrical appliances installed in 1909 or 1910. The original floor is approximately eighteen inches below layers of linoleum and logs.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Privately owned and operated as a roadside restaurant and service station.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places; National Historic Landmark Alaska Heritage Resource Survey, Site No. GUL 056		
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